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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Statement of accounts of the town of Acworth as exhibited by the selectmen, from March 1, 1884, to March 1, 1885.

ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY TOWN DEBTS.

1884.		
Apr. 11.	C. M. Woodbury interest on note,	$103.00
July 5.	J. S. Gassett " "	7.35
	J. L. Hayward, note and interest,	243.75
Dec. 1.	John Graham, interest on note,	64.00
1885		
Jan. 1.	J. A. Wood, note and interest,	1,131.50
" 17.	M. J, D. Houston, interest on note,	7.00
" "	M. D. Grant, interest on two notes,	8.40
	E. P. Heard, " "	9.10
	Thankful Heard	3.50
	Samuel Harding, note and interest,	521.10
	Sylvester Symonds, interest on note,	20.00
	John Graham, note in part,	400.00
	Total,	$2,518.70

ORDERS DRAWN FOR BREAKING ROADS.

1884.		
Mar. 11.	G. W. Leighton, breaking roads,	$2.40
" 29.	J. R. Smith,	20.95
	C. C. Carr,	19.77
Apr. 11.	M. P. Thornton,	7.85
" 12.	George Hatch,	4.35
15.	J. A. Allen,	8.37
"	H. G. Perham,	10.75
	M. D. Clark,	19.15
	J. A. Allen, Jr.,	16.95
	J. T. Mitchell,	15.03
17.	Lyman Buswell,	14.00
"	E. A. Kingsbury,	22.41
18.	George Bailey,	12.90

Apr.	19.	S. A. Clough,	$22 86
		G. W. Lathrop,	4.25
	21.	A. G. Graham,	1.35
May	12.	J. S. Gove	22.15
"		W. C. Neal	11.85
		Daniel Moody	4.50
		E. L. Sarsons	4.95
		C. E. Gay,	12.31
		J. E. Smith,	21.79
	31.	L. H. Thayer,	8.10
June	7.	D. C. Walker,	19.85
"		W. E. Harris,	3.68
		C. J. Davis,	9.60
Dec.	1.	S. Blanchard,	6.74
1885.			
Jan.	1.	Henry Hurd,	4.33
"	17.	Daniel Nye,	9.41
Feb.	21.	D. W. Thompson,	12.70
"	27.	J. N. Davis,	7.25
		Walter Gassett,	24.47
		Jona. Woodbury,	15.29
		W. L. Lakin,	11.04
		John Symonds,	14.15
		C. M. Woodbury,	7.35
		H. L. Piper,	8.55
		W. B. Reed,	20.70
		G. W. Young,	12.98
		G. W. Neal,	7.75
		G. W. Potter,	12.55
	28.	Geo. Bailey,	10.90
		B. F. Partridge,	17.10
		R. S. Reed,	31.55
		E. G. Howe,	3.00
		E. A. Cummings,	33.49
		A. A. Matthewson,	5.40
		O. C. Smith,	17.78
		Frank Gould,	11.45
		George P. Johnson,	14.84
		J. L. McKeen,	12.13
		M. B. Wells,	14.29
		Joseph Hayward,	14.85

Feb. 28,	W. E. Harris,	$37.99
	J. T. Mitchell,	14.85
	James Forsaith,	15.78
	A. G. Graham,	17.70
	W. C. Neal,	4.89
	C. A. Hull,	4.65
	W. M. Pettingill,	5.32
	Total,	$783.40

ORDERS FOR REPAIRING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1884.		
May 12.	J. S. Gove, repairing road and cash paid,	$3.50
June 7.	W. E. Harris, for plank,	1.00
July 5.	G. W. Leighton, work on Cold River road,	11.35
"	G. W. Potter, work on road in Dist. No. 3,	3.50
Aug. 16.	Wm. Brooks, work on road above East Acworth,	11.55
Nov. 1.	R. Kennedy, work on road and getting out stone,	23.25
Dec. 1.	C. A. Milliken, work on roads and bridges,	27.00
"	J. H. Clark, work on Osgood slide, and cash paid,	46.75
	George Hatch, putting up railing on Marlow road,	28.00
	R. S. Morrison, for plank,	10.99
	A. G. Graham, work on wall near D. C. Osgood's,	11.00
	A. G. Graham, work on road in Dists. No. 18, 23, 24,	10.00
	A. M. and J. T. Mitchell, work on roads and timber for Cold River road,	4.75
	W. C. Neal, cash paid Geo. Hatch for work on road,	3.00
17.	J. M. Reed, work and plank on bridge in 1883-4,	25.91
	J. W. Fiske, work on Newton bridge,	31.33
Feb. 21.	C. M. Johnson, work on road,	5.52
	J. H. Clark, work on slide,	5.00
	J. H. Clark, putting up railing on Cold River road,	4.00
27.	Walker Gassett, cash paid for bridge plank,	1.36

Feb. 27,	J. L. Webster, work on highway,	$3.00
	J. Symonds, work on Cold River river road,	4.65
	A. G. Graham, work on Newton bridge,	10.75
28.	Frank Gould, repairing highway,	2.10
	J. L. McKeen, repairing highway,	4.60
	J. N. Davis, repairing roads and bridges, and cash paid,	32.70
	S. O. Brackett, putting up railing and lumber for same,	3.44
	Joseph Hayward, " "	5.11
	Total,	$235.11

ORDERS FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

1884.		
Mar. 29.	M. M. Burnham, keeping Fannie Hull to April 1,	$8.00
	W. L. Lakin, keeping Phebe Young,	34.00
July 11.	C. A. Hull, keeping Fanny Hull to Jan. 30,	26.00
Aug. 23.	J. Forsaith, wood and provisions for S. W. Blodgett,	23.75
Sept. 1.	C. A. Allen, doctoring S. W. Blodgett,	1.00
	Wm. Brooks, provisions for S. W. Blodgett,	2.50
2.	B. J. Clough for keeping Almira Clough 32 weeks,	96.00
	S. W. Blodgett, keeping Nancy Swett 32 weeks,	24.00
Oct. 10.	W. L. Lakin keeping Phebe Young in part,	50.00
25.	C. A. Hull, keeping Fanny Hull, one quarter year,	26.00
Dec. 1.	J. N. Davis keeping Alexander Walker,	8.90
	J. N. Davis, cloth and shoes for Fanny Hull,	2.88
	" " " Phebe Young,	3.30
1885.		
Jan. 1,	W. L. Lakin for keeping Phebe Young,	25 00
"	C. A. Allen, doctoring Phebe Young and Fanny Hull,	2.75
	C A. Hull, keeping Fanny Hull to Jan. 1,	26.00
	Samuel Slader, wood and potatoes for S. W. Blodgett,	25.05
" 17.	B. J. Clough, keeping Almira Clough 21 weeks,	63.00

Jan. 17,	S. W. Blodgett, keeping Nancy Sweet 21 weeks,	$15.75
	J. Forsaith, work and provisions for S. W. Blodgett,	4.20
" 30.	J. N. Davis, provisions furnished G. A. Burbank,	4.84
	C. J. Davis, pork furnished S. W. Blodgett,	3.00
		$475.92
	Amount received from county for support of county paupers,	$284.24
	Cost of supporting paupers the past year,	$191.68

ORDERS FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

1884.		
Apr. 10,	F. R. Lufkin, damage to wagon,	$ 2.50
15,	H. G. Perham, damage to sheep by dogs,	4.00
19,	E. L. Sarsons, abatement of O. G. Lathrop's taxes for 1883,	1.68
July 5,	W. C. Neal, bounty on woodchucks,	15.60
	C. J. Davis, "	7.00
	J. N. Davis, "	5.10
Aug. 16,	A. W. Barney, damage sustained on highway,	100.00
Oct. 18,	S. K. Upton, for printed checklists,	5.50
	J. S. Morrison, watering trough,	3.00
	W. C. Neal, bounty on 162 woodchucks,	16.20
	C. J. Davis, bounty on woodchucks,	8.10
Nov. 1,	L. Buswell, wood for town-house,	2.50
	S. K. Upton, repairing road-scraper,	2.00
	M. P. Thornton, "	5.00
Dec. 1,	J. S. Osgood, school-house tax in Dist. No. 2,	54.53
	George Bailey, surveying roads,	4.00
	J. N. Davis, cash paid for reports,	18.00
	" " J. Q. Jones, referee in Barney case,	3.90
	" bounty on woodchucks,	9.80
6,	G. W. Leighton, school-house tax in Dist. No. 11,	20.00
	J. N. Davis, services and cash paid in Charles Putnam case,	20.75
	" cash paid as witness fees in Putnam case,	16.41
	" bounty on woodchucks,	22.90

1885.		
Jan. 3,	Zama Grout, being overtaxed,	$6.71
	J. N. Davis, school-house in Dist. No. 6,	78.25
	" cash paid for scraper plate,	2.10
	" cost and damage in C. A. Milliken case,	37.62
30,	" cash paid H. W. Parker, referee in Milliken case,	37.50
Feb. 28,	Ira Colby, counsel in Putnam and Milliken cases,	51.00
	J. N. Davis, cash paid Dr. A. R. Cummings, service in Putnam case,	20.00
	A. G. Graham, damage to sheep by dogs,	20.00
	C. W. Parks, "	19.00
	C. A. Allen, returning births and deaths,	5.50
	J. N. Davis, cash paid for getting road machine,	5.00
	E. A. Kingsbury, tolling bells,	10.00
	C. A. Allen, services in Putnam case,	7.00
	" watering trough, one year,	3.00
	C. M. Woodbury, recording, births, marriages and deaths,	6.35
	W. C. Neal, repairing sexton's tools,	1.80
	J. N. Davis, bounty on woodchucks,	1.30
	W. C Neal, wood and taking care of road scraper,	4.00
	A. G. Graham, abatement of Walter Barney's and Frank Lufkin's taxes, 1884,	2.83
	A. G. Graham, abatement of L. M. Morse's, Walter Barney's, C. E. Bailey's, W. F. Hilliard's Fred Craig's and J. Brown's taxes, for 1883,	2.96
		$670.39

ORDERS TO PAY TOWN OFFICERS.

1884.		
June 7.	W. C. Neal, services as Selectman, in part,	$35.00
Dec. 1.	S. K. Upton, Supervisor, 2 years,	10.00
	W. C. Neal, Sexton, in part,	37.00
	C. J. Davis, Selectman, in part,	50.00
	C. M. Woodbury, Supervisor, 2 years,	15.00
	A. G. Graham, " 2 years,	15.00

1885.		
Feb'y 27.	E. G. Stone, Sup't School Com.	$50.00
28.	C. J. Davis, (bal.) Selectman,	34.00
	J. N. Davis, "	67.25
	W. C. Neal, (bal) "	23.00
	William Brooks, Town Clerk,	
	C. J. Davis, Overseer of Poor,	
	J. N. Davis, "	12.55
	W. C. Neal, bal. of Sexton,	39.00
	J. N. Dickey, Auditor,	6.00
	C. M. Woodbury, Town Clerk,	25.00
	C. M. Woodbury, Treasurer,	25.00
	A. G. Graham,, services as collector of taxes,	49.00
		$492.80

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of Orders drawn to pay notes and interest,	$2.518.70
" " Breaking roads,	783.40
" " Repairing roads and bridges,	235.11
" " Support of paupers,	475.92
" " Miscellaneous paupers,	670.39
" " Town Officers,	492.80
" " Support of schools,	1438.19
" " Highway receipts returned,	51.11
Whole amount of Orders,	$6,665.62

ASSETS.

1884.		
	Amount in Treasury March 1, 1884,	$852.92
	Cash of E. L. Sarsons, interest on taxes,	10.78
	Tax bill for 1884 less state and county taxes but including school house tax of $78.25 in dist. No. 6, school house tax of $55.96 in dist. No. 2, school house tax in dist. No. 11 of $20.25,	$3,717.42
July 5,	Cash received of highway surveyors,	4.97
Aug. 7,	Highway taxes charged to collector of taxes,	12.27
16,	Cash rec'd of Mr. Chapman for lot in cemetery,	5.00
Sept. 10,	" rec'd of county for support of paupers,	168.40
1885.		
Jan. 3.	Cash borrowed of J. A. Wood,	1,000.00

Jan. 13.	Cash received from state, Savings Bank tax,	$1,146.43
"	Cash " " " Literary Fund,	112.00
"	Cash " " " Bounty on woodchucks,	80.40
Feb. 6.	Cash " County for support of paupers,	115.84
	Tax against Sarah Peck,	7.28
	" " H. A. Comstock,	2.10
	Dog tax against H. Richardson,	1.00
	Accounts due the town for costs in the case of Charles Putnam,	63.02
		$7,299.83
	Amount of Orders subtracted,	6,665.62
	Now in Treasury,	$634.21

LIST OF NOTES OWING BY THE TOWN.

Daniel Nye,	$282.46
E. P. Heard,	90.00
Daniel Nye,	200.00
S. Symonds,	500.00
L. E. Holden,	300.00
John Graham,	2,000.00
E. P, Heard,	160.00
M. D. Grant,	140.00
M. J. D. Houston,	200.00
E. P. Heard,	100.00
Thankful Heard,	100.00
M. D. Grant,	100.00
Hellen M. Merrill,	130.00
J. S. Gassett,	210.00
Lucina Crosby,	600.00
C. M. Woodbury,	1,275.00
J. A. Wood,	1,000.00
Total,	$7,387.46
Estimated accrued interest added,	163.97
	$7,551.43
Amount in Treasury deducted,	634.21
Present debt of the town,	$6,917.22

Debt of the town, reported March 1, 1884,	$7,922.26
Present debt of the town,	6,917.22
Decrease of debt the past year,	$1,005.04

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. DICKEY, Auditor.

March 1, 1885.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	Prud Committee.	Number of Terms.	Names of Teachers.	Length of School in weeks.	No. of different Pupils.	Average number of Pupils.	Average Daily Attendance.	Percentage of Daily Attendance.	No. of Pupils not Absent.	Visits by S S Committee.	Visits by Committee.	Visits by Parents and others.	Wages of Teachers per month, with board.	Town Appropriation.	Contributed in money or board.
1	James M. Davis.	1	*Myra S. Chatterton.	8 8	23	21 5	20.5	.95	14	3	1	57	$24	$350.11	
		2	*Mary E. Dodge.	10	28	27 1	25 5	.93	8	2		47	28		
		3	"	5	25	22	20.3	.92	6	4		25	26		
		1	†Sadie E. Potter.	9	24	21 4	19.7	.92	5	3		52	20		
		2	†Hattie M. Murdough.	10	25	24	23	.96	7	5	1	44	20		
		3	† "	5	11	10 4	10	.97	5	2		15	20		
2	John D. Kemp.	1	Carrie A. Hardy.	8	12	8	8	1.00	7	5	1	19	18.60	121 15	
		2	Ida J. Greene.	12	14	13.8	13.6	.98	5	3		46	22		
3	Albert Buswell.	1	Minnie E. Chatterton.	7.8	7	7	6.8	.97	3	3		21	16	91.66	
		2	E. Corrinne Holden.	10.4	9	9	8.6	.96				12	20		
4	Frank J. Gould.	1	Clara B. Lufkin.	7	5	3 7	3.1	.85				9	20	59.09	$28
		2	Cora A. Partridge.	10	4	2.8	25	.90			1	14	20		

5	Mrs. Ora C. Smith	1	Clara B. Lufkin.	8 8	4	3.9	3.8	.98	2	2	2	5	$20	$87.46			
		2	Nettie L. Johnson.	9	6	5.8	4 9	.86	1	2	1	4	20				
6	B. Frank Partridge.	1	Cora A. Partridge.	8	6	6	5	.83	3	2		15	16	72 21			
		2	"	8.6	13	12	11	91	2	2	1	18	17				
8	Horace G. Perham.	1	Laura A. Hawkins.	7	13	13	13	1.00	11	2		47	16				
		2	Ella E. Wood.	8	15	14 5	13.9	.96	8	2		36	24	134 97			
		3	"	6	15	13	12	92	4	3	1	24	28				
9	William Morrison	1	Emma L Stowell.	5	10	10	10	1.00	10	1		6	16	83 99	$39		
		2	Addie A. Fletcher.	8	9	8.5	8 6	.98	8	2	1	25	18				
		3	Mary M. Bean.	10	9	9	8 9	.99	6	2	1	22	18				
10	George W. Neal.	1	Etta M. King.	8.7	10	8 9	6.2	69	6	2	1	15	16	82 90			
		2	"	8	9	8.8	8.8	1 00	4	2		24	20				
11	Geo. W. Leighton.	1	‡Nora M. Allan.	8	18	17.6	16 7	.96	12	2		2	20	225.46	28		
		2	‡Charles H. Howard.	13	21	20	19	.95	8	2		45	32				
		1	§Carrie A. Hardy.	10	13	12 8	12.7	.99	2	2		36	20				
12	Isaac Newton.	1	Belle E. Washburne.	8	4	4	4	1.00	4	2		21	16	67.19			
		2	Minnie E. Chatterton.	6.8	8	7.7	7.7	1.00	5	2		23	20				
13	Galon A. Howard.	1	Lizzie A. Clark.	7.8	5	5	5	1 00	5	2		30	17	36 02			
		2	"	11	9	8.5	8.4	.98	4	2	1	26	17				
Total and Average.		31	21	161 7	205 5	155 3	146 9	.93	144	66	15	806	$21 13	$1437.19	$95		

*Grammar. †Primary. ‡Grammar. §Primary.

ROLL OF HONOR.

This includes names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.

DIST. NO. 1.

Lura J. Bailey, Nannie Buswell, Minnie E. Clark, Etta R. Chatterton, Gertie M. Chatterton, Carrie F. Davis, Effie R. Dexter, Mary L. Finley, Bessie A. Mitchell, Alonzo A. Chatterton, Solan L. Neal, Grace E. Webster, Hugh C. Young, Agnes R. Mitchell, Jennie E. Potter, Ida A. Potter, Mary E. Pettengill, Carl Buswell, William C. Mitchell, Louise G. Dodge, Alice L. Neal, Horace C. Mitchell, Grace M. Pettengill, Walter S. Allen, Fred H. Allen.

DIST. NO. 2.

Hattie M. Blanchard, Effie A. Clarke, Newton D. Clarke, Sadie S. King, Mabel M. Osgood, Emma L. Suinnington, Carl E. Smith, Lena G. Warner.

DIST. NO. 3.

Alice A. Forsyth, Walter Slader, Grace M. Trow.

DIST. NO. 5.

Minnie A. Smith, Dora V. Reed.

DIST. NO. 6.

Minnie P. Davis, Lilla W. Clough, Flora Sarsons.

DIST. NO 8.

Addie E. Beard, Frank H. Beard, Kittie W. B rrett, Olie M. Hilliard, Carl G. Hilliard, Lettie C. Hawkins, Fannie A. Merrill, Julian A. Hemphill, Arthur L. Perham, Mary L. Smith, Grace M. Pratt, Arthur G. Young, Lyman A. Young, Oscar C. Young, Carrie M. Taylor.

DIST. NO. 9.

Susie A. Clark, Lillia M. Cook, Bertie W. Cook, Gertrude C. Mitchell, Earnest W. Morrison, Herbert R. Morrison, Nellie M. Morrison, Myrtie E. Reed, Lillian M. Symonds, George E. Symonds, Gertrude C. Metcalf, Frank A. Metcalf.

DIST. NO. 10.

Jay C. Allen, Lottie D. King, Mattie L. Mathewson, Myrtie R. Mathewson, Nora E. Wells, Stella E. Young.

DIST. NO. 11.

Gertie G. Cummings, Belle E. Crossett, Fannie B. Emerson, Flora R. Fisk, Ernest Emerson, Inez E. Howard, Melville C. Howard, Gertie F. Leighton, Daron W. Tuck, Edna M. Wilkins, Lillian E. Stickney, Eugene N. Crossett, Winnie P. Crossett.

DIST. NO. 12.

Arthur Allen, Mary J. Dickey, Carl W. Grant, Annie D. Johnson, George H. Miller, Elmer E. Newton, Lora E, Newton.

DIST. NO, 13.

Alice C. Lewis, Eva E. McLaughlin, Nellie F. McLaughlin, John C. McLaughlin, Edward C. Shepard.

REMARKS.

In making my report of the present condition and progress of the Acworth schools during the past year, I have followed the example of my predecessor, and have arranged the most important facts in a similar table. I have done this because, to stand on the vantage ground of experience in report making seven times repeated, and to assume that the best form of a report has been adopted, is easier than to spend time and effort in the attempt to secure a more perfect form. I can thus speak of the schools as a whole, without attempt to criticise unduly the work of any teacher. Like other public servants, some of them have already been sufficiently criticised I took charge of the schools with little knowledge of their condition, except what I derived from last year's report. From that I learned that the school houses were in good condition, "all furnished with maps, globes, and most of them with dictionaries, text books for teachers, &c," and that "the latest and best text books" were used in all of the schools. Knowing that my term of service would be brief, I decided to follow out essentially the methods already inaugurated, with the fewest changes. I purposely avoided making any change in text books, as I might have done, that parents might not be burdened with unnecessary expense.

In compliance with the recent law making physiology a regular

study in all schools with advanced scholars, a new work on that subject by Orestes M Brand, has been introduced. Though not equal in some respects to several since issued, yet I believe that from its size, plan and clearness of statement it is well adapted to the wants of our schools.

The whole number of terms was 31, to keep which 21 different teachers have been employed; 15 of these having previously taught in Acworth. The average daily attendance has been 146.9. The percentage of daily attendance is 100 for seven different terms, only one less than last year, in Nos. 2, 8, 9, 10, 12 (both terms) and 13; the other terms averaging 93 per cent, the same as last year.

Of the higher studies eight have taken Latin in Dist. No 1 only. Thirty-three have studied physiology, apparently with much interest and profit; 19 algebra, and three philosophy, making excellent progress. In No. 1 thirty-two were given lessons in drawing, with good results. Four have succeeded quite well with book-keeping. The majority of the pupils in all of the schools have taken reading, spelling, penmanship and geography, and in all but four districts grammar has been taught with analysis of sentences, and some thorough work has been done.

While I have seen abundant evidences of progress in these studies in all of the schools, I note, as worthy of special mention, improvement in reading in Nos. 6, 10 and 12, and proficiency in Nos. 2, 8 and 11. Some excellent work has been done in geography noticeably in Nos. 3, 9 and 8. In the latter the examinations by topics deserve the highest commendation. I have been especially pleased with the improvement in arithmetic. Several classes went nearly through the book, while a class in No. 8 has finished it. "History," says Lord Bacon, "makes men wise," therefore it should have a prominent place in our list of studies. Five have taken this study, three in No. 12, whose examination was especially good. Some attention has been given to the art of composition. Recitations by the younger scholars have been a pleasant feature of the examinations in Dists 6, 9, 10 and 12. In several of the smaller schools oral teaching has been quite successfully practiced. In these schools I have encouraged general exercises by which much useful information has been gained.

There has been a good degree of success in every school. The third term in No. 1. grammar, is the only one I would term "unfortunate rather than unsuccessful." From what I saw and heard I am forced to believe that the fault was not alone with the teach-

er, but that the pupils and parents ought also to bear some portion of the blame. The teacher came to us very highly recommended, and I am sure worked hard to make the school a success. The examination at the close of the fall term showed that good work had been done, though perfect order evidently had not been preserved. What spirit possessed the pupils at the very beginning of the winter term, which led to such conduct on the part of many as I would not have thought some of them capable of, I know not; but it was evidently a spirit which parents would more wisely restrain than foster. What personal defects the teacher possessed by reason of which she failed to gain the good will of the pupils, I know not; but I wish to suggest several things which I think helped to make the term unfortunate: The multiplicity of classes, which did not allow sufficient time for any of them, a difficulty which, according to a former report, is not unusual in this school, and yet a difficulty impossible to remove and allow every pupil to continue those studies which parents desired. The effort to break up an exceedingly bad custom of studying (?) under the trees or on the meeting-house steps, by requiring attendance in the school room of those who did not study at home, probably did not help to secure the good will of the pupils; yet the teacher acted according to instructions, which I believe was a move in the right direction, though not as successful as was desired. If those parents who allowed their children to have their own way and to withdraw from the school, had given them a whipping and sent them back again, the school would have been more successful and the scholars none the worse for needed discipline.

Notwithstanding the little ripple of excitement during the winter term in No. 8, consequent on the removal of two of the pupils for "gross misdemeanor" this was a most successful term.

And now, thanking the various committees, teachers and pupils for whatever of courtesy and help they have rendered me during the year, I cheerfully yield my "wand of office" sincerely hoping that it may fall into the hands of one who will never err in judgment, but will have such fitness and love for this work as will lead to patient and persevering efforts to bring the schools of Acworth to the highest condition of prosperity.

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